



**RCA  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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**SUBJECT:** Authorize execution of a 6-month contract with BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF CENTRAL TEXAS, INC., Austin, TX for youth-related services in an amount not to exceed \$51,000, with two 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$102,000 per renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$255,000; and with FAMILY FORWARD INC., Austin, TX for youth-related services in an amount not to exceed \$59,776, with two-12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$119,552 per renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$298,880.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$110,776 is available in the Special Revenue Fund for the Health and Human Services Department. The initial contract period will be March 1, 2006 – August 31, 2006. Agreement period runs concurrent with the grant period. Included Renewal funds are subject to availability of Grant Funds in future respective years.

**FISCAL NOTE:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**REQUESTING** Health and Human  
**DEPARTMENT:** Services

**DIRECTOR'S  
AUTHORIZATION:** David Lurie

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vince Cobalis, Asst. Director, Human Services, 972-5011; Donna Jackson, HHSD Manager, 972-5017; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** N/A

**MBE / WBE:** N/A

**Background**

The 78744 Youth of Promise Initiative CYD Program, formerly known as Southeast Austin Community Youth Development (SEACYD), have been funded since 1996, by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS). The goal of the program is to prevent juvenile crime in the 78744 zip code areas through evidence based, prevention and remediation programs.

A Request for Proposal (RFA) was published in the *Austin American-Statesman* on December 11, 17 and 24, 2005, requesting competitive applications for the Youth of Promise Initiative Program (CYD) programs. Five applications were received and scored. Three organizations were selected as successful applicants.

<u>Contracts</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>6-Month Funding</u>
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Youth Development	\$51,000
Family Forward	Youth Development	\$59,776
*AISD	Youth Development	\$28,000



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**TOTAL \$138,776**

\*Council approval for an Interlocal Agreement with Austin Independent School District is being requested in a separate RCA.

**Related Department Goals**

**Prevention/Provision: Social Services – promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, health behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations.**

**BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS** - The 78744 BBBS mentoring program provides a unique opportunity to target students at Palm Elementary located in the heart of 78744. The program will provide one to one mentoring for youth ages 10 and over. It is estimated that Palm School has approximately 300-350 students over the age of 10.

**Performance Measures**

**Outputs**

- Number of unduplicated clients served 75

**Outcomes**

- Percent of participants who avoid juvenile delinquency 90%
- Percent of youth who demonstrate increased self confidence 90%

**FAMILY FORWARD** – The 78744 program will serve eligible youth in the 78744 zip code who are at risk of such school-related problems as academic failure, poor school attendance, behavior problems, and dropout. They are often engaged in juvenile delinquency and criminal behavior and have come to the attention of the juvenile authorities. They come from homes where there is a high degree of conflict between caregivers, caregivers and children, and siblings, where violence is the norm, and where they are at risk of one or more forms of family violence (e.g., child abuse and neglect or domestic violence). Their parents are often unable or unwilling to support their efforts in school and there is a high degree of stress in the household.

**Performance Measures**

**Outputs**

- Number of unduplicated clients served 80

**Outcomes**

- Percent of youth participants who will benefit from a reduction in risk factors related to violent or delinquent behavior 75%
- Percent of families of youth participants that demonstrate reduced family conflict and improved family relations 75%
- Percent of youth participants will demonstrate an increase in responsible decision-making and risk-taking behavior 75%



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**Requested Council Action**

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